



Left to right: JoAnn, daughter of Josephine Celentano of the Molded Tubular Section Solder Department; Sandra, daughter of Angie Carlton of the F. P. Assembly; Meredith, daughter of Norman Schulze, Plant Engineer; and Cynthia, daughter of Ernest Purpura of the Specifications Engineering Department.

Girl Scouts Celebrate Thirty-ninth Anniversary

Girls Scouts from eleven intermediate troops met at the Y.M.C.A. with their leaders on March 16 to celebrate the Thirty-ninth Anniversary Birthday. Mrs. Ralph F. Bullett, Girl Scout Director, had charge of the program.

International folk songs and dances were enjoyed by everyone present.

Each troop donated one week's dues to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund. Juliette Low was the founder of the Girl Scout Organization.

After the entertainment, members of the Girl Scout Council served the refreshments.

Henry F. Puppolo Wins Patent For Invention

Henry F. Puppolo, who is employed in Research and Engineering, has been awarded a patent for a new process which he developed for producing resin films.

The process which Mr. Puppolo revealed results in a clear, flexible, tough, and superior resin film to be used in insulating work. Previous to this invention, the film had been obtained by shaving from a block of insulating material. This resulted in the film being very diverse and greater than one-thousandth of an inch in thickness. By placing a mixture of resins, alcohols, and acids upon a copper or iron surface, and heating up to a temperature of 750 degrees Fahrenheit, Mr. Puppolo obtained a resin film no greater than two ten-thousandths of an inch thick.

The inventor has been employed at the Sprague Electric Company since 1940.

NOTICE

It is requested that cars do not stop to pick up or let off passengers on Beaver Street. This ties up traffic. Please drive into the parking lot before stopping.

Company Expands With Purchase of South Wing of So-called "Big Mill" In Bennington, Vermont

The Sprague Electric Company has purchased the south wing, constituting about one-third of the space, of the so-called Big Mill in Bennington, Vermont. A four-story building, an office, and a one-story wing are included in the purchase.

The product to be manufactured at this location requires a three-shift operation and the purchase of the Bennington Plant was made necessary because the Company would not be able to obtain in North Adams a sufficient number of people who would be adaptable for this work in order to maintain an around-the-clock operation. With the addition during recent years of ceramic condensers and automatic rolling, we now have six continuous operations in our North Adams plants. The others are etching, formation, impregnation, and wire coating.

Renovation at the Bennington Plant has already been started and it is expected that operations will begin in July. A relatively small working force will be required.

The Big Mill was previously the main plant of the Holden-Leonard Company, manufacturers of woolen goods. It was recently purchased by the Ben-Mont Paper Company of Bennington and the Sprague Electric Company acquired its portion from Ben-Mont.

News About Sprague Electric Employees in the Service

We have received many letters from Sprague Electric employees who are now in the service. They are anxious to hear from their friends at home so we are passing along their names and addresses so that you may write to them.

Pfc. Donald S. Mahar
US 1033603
Ser. Co. 8th Tank Bn.
F. M. F. Atlantic
Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
Before Pfc. Mahar went into the service, he was employed in Wire Coating.

Rct. Valmore F. Plantier 51095826
491st Pet. Dep. Co.
Fort Devens, Massachusetts
Rct. Plantier went into the service in October, 1950. When he was employed at Sprague Electric, he worked in Wire Coating. Valmore is fortunate in being stationed so near his home.

Pvt. Herbert H. Palmer
US 51013298
Sv. Btry. 145 FA BN
Fort Hood, Texas
Pvt. Palmer has almost completed his Field Artillery basic training at Fort Hood. He left his job at Marshall

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SPRAGUE ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR 1950

Every year, each one of us brings out a checkbook, a pile of bills and receipts, a list of figures, and attempts to determine exactly what is our financial condition. Most of us do this sometime in March when Uncle Sam demands a reckoning. But whenever we do it, it is always good to know just what we earned, what we spent, and what we saved during the preceding year. By this knowledge of the past, we can in some way prepare for the future.

In the same manner, our Company makes a yearly survey of its financial operations and general well-being. This study has been completed for the year 1950, and the Sprague Electric Company wants all of its employees to be informed of the facts concerning their Company.

1950 was a television year and brought total employment in our four plants elsewhere and three in North Adams to 4700 people. Meanwhile, although television output has suffered a 15% curtailment because of government orders restricting the use of materials, the products you make have become very much needed for military defense. Our research department has been developing better military products than our competitors for some time and this has helped in maintaining employment in spite of television cutbacks. So our team has moved into line for the defense of our country and there we will stay as long as we are needed, giving our best.

At the same time the things you make were growing in commercial use, so widely are electronic and electric devices being used. With your attention to quality in the goods you make and offer, with your regard for economy and with our research and inventiveness, our team has become the favorite of customers in America. This is an important accomplishment. For as you know, the customer is the boss. In behalf of your foreman or department head and of all members of management I compliment each of you and add my personal thanks.

Perhaps you would like to know the result of your hard work in 1950. A few simple figures will tell you a lot that is complimentary to you. 1950 was a very successful year and its success was made possible by the hard work and loyalty of the people employed in the three North Adams plants, the Herlec Corporation, the Barre plant, and the Nashua operation. By your skill and labor, production was such that the Sprague Electric Company sold 28 and 3/5 million dollars worth of products in 1950. Probably your immediate reaction to this figure is that over 28 million dollars is a lot of money. It is a lot of money, but after you have examined what has

happened to this income, you will have a much better understanding of your Company and your job. Here is the story in round figures. Here is what actually has happened to the over 28 million which constituted the total income of the Sprague Electric Company for the year 1950:

Sales made to customers...	\$ 28,614,860
Other income.....	125,973
Total sales and income...	\$ 28,740,833
Paid for raw materials, power, fuel and other purchased items.....	9,543,069

Available for the balance of the needs of the business and used as follows:.....	\$ 19,197,764
Wages and Salaries.....	19,972,914
Taxes.....	4,365,059
Wear and tear on plant and equipment.....	463,958
Int. on borrowed money...	50,429
Dividends to stockholders	657,809
Reinvested in business for working capital, plant expansion, and other needs of the business...	2,687,595

As you can see from the table, \$10,972,914 of the Company's total income was paid to the Sprague Electric employees as wages and salaries. This figure represents an average monthly payroll of \$914,409.50, and is the largest single cost item.

During 1950, \$9,543,069 was paid to merchants and manufacturers from whom we purchased our raw materials and supplies. This was about \$3,000,000 more than was spent for materials and supplies in 1949.

Due to the national emergency, taxes have been getting higher and higher and our Company was taxed over \$4,000,000. These taxes represent a figure almost four times higher than that of 1949.

Each year, plant equipment depreciates in value against the time when new equipment must replace the old. In 1950, \$463,958 was set aside for this purpose.

The expansion at Nashua, plus the expansion at the Marshall Street plant in North Adams, and the purchasing of new equipment necessary to meet the customers' and military demands for products meant that the Company needed large sums of money which were not immediately accessible from our own funds. Hence, we borrowed \$700,000 which increased our present loan to \$2,000,000. We paid out \$50,429 in interest during 1950.

After the expenses and taxes have been taken from the total income, the Company is left with net earnings of a little over \$3,345,000. Of this amount, \$657,809 went to the stockholders in the form of dividends. The stockholders receive dividends on the money which they have invested in order to compensate them for the risk and use of their money.

After the dividends to the stockholders have been taken out, a balance of \$2,687,000 is left. This sum has been reinvested by the Sprague Electric Company in new plants, equipment and working capital. It is used to take care of everyday expenses and for expansion or other needs of the business and to create new jobs.

A few comparisons will help to

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Business-Industry Education Day at North Adams was one of the highlights of the year. Here is one of the groups of educators who inspected the Sprague plants as a part of the program designed to further mutual aid and understanding.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Editors are so often subjected to such unwarranted and undeserved criticism that it may seem odd to you to receive this letter of merited praise. I thought it might interest you to know of the reaction of this department to their first reportorial effort in the LOG.

A few months ago, I inquired why this department never seemed to have news in the LOG. The answers were varied and some even caustic. I was told to try my hand at reporting and accepted what I considered a challenge. It was with a "tongue in their cheek" attitude that our first combined effort was submitted. Can you imagine with what trepidation I awaited the LOG. But, because it was printed verbatim, my stock has risen 100%. The enthusiasm it engendered has snowed me under with so much material that it is only a matter of gleaning the "wheat" from the "chaff".

This is meant to be a sincere thank you for printing Mrs. Greene's son's picture, for our article, and for having

made my job so much easier; for having helped me prove my point that the LOG has its being only for the employees and that it is up to us to furnish you with material to print.

Most of us are now LOG conscious and with your help — so help me — I hope to keep them that way.

Sincerely,

E. B. Ryan

Electric Maintenance Test
Marshall Street



SON to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Shepley on March 5, 1951. The father works in Molded Tubular Finish.

SON to Mr. and Mrs. Felix Szetela on March 5, 1951. The mother is Stacia of Miscellaneous Paper Assembly.

DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mulcahy on March 2, 1951. Mr. Mulcahy is employed in Metal Clad Tubular Assembly.

DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jones on February 28, 1951. The mother is Rose of the Paper Section Test Department.

KNOW YOUR FOREMAN



Harvey DeGrenier of Miscellaneous Dry Rolling -- DG 24 Assembly

Miscellaneous Dry Rolling -- DG 24 Assembly is under the very capable management of Harvey "Specs" DeGrenier. In this department, which is more rightfully known as DTQ, about 100 people are employed in making so-called "bathtub" type capacitors and condensers for Western Electric. The foreman, "Specs" DeGrenier, came to work for Sprague Electric in August, 1931. Since then, he has covered a great deal of territory having worked in Anode Winding, Foil Preparation, Dry Rolling at Beaver Street, Industrial Oil Rolling, and Paper Ignition Assembly. "Specs" was promoted to the position of foreman in February, 1943.

A look into his personal life reveals that Mr. DeGrenier was born in North Adams and attended the local schools. Last May, he married Katherine Conrad, who was employed at Sprague Electric ten years ago.

"Specs" has many interests outside of his job. He enjoys horse racing and likes all sports, especially pro-football and big league baseball. He is an ardent fan of the New York Yankees and roots for Joe DiMaggio in particular. "Specs" used to be very active in bowling, at which he is very proficient, but has given it up of late.

Mr. DeGrenier is a member of the Elk's Club and served as Chairman of the recent March of Dimes.

daughter, Dorothy Helen, to Robert E. Columbus on March 3, 1951. Miss Pringle is employed in Resistor Assembly and Mr. Columbus works in Prokar and Polyester Impregnation.

The engagement of Miss Rose Cilli to Mr. Ronald Hopkins was announced on February 27, 1951 by Mr. Vito Cilli. Miss Cilli is employed in F. P. Assembly.

One stenographer to another: "You'll like it here—lots of opportunity for advances."

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understand how the share of each group helps the other group to get its share. For instance, dividends, which are stockholders' pay, are equivalent to only 3.1 weeks of the year's wages and salaries. This is less than last year.

The amount turned over to public officeholders for their spending, however, was equivalent to 20.8 weeks of the year's wages, or 40%.

In the same year the cost of living, measured by the "consumer price index," rose 6.5% for both employees and company for materials, but your Company's taxes rose 27%.

Your Company's remarkable growth in 1950 has clearly brought advantage to all groups of people who participated: our customers, our teammates, our government personnel, our lenders, and our 1200 stockholders. Each of these five groups helps the other and depends on the other.

It has been a strenuous year. You have done your several parts extremely well. All our executives, foremen, supervisors, our salesmen and each employee engaged in manufacturing, research and office work deserve hearty congratulations. As a team you have done a wonderful job, and all of us can join in expressing appreciation for such good customers as we have.

With best wishes for another good year to each of you and your family.

R. C. Sprague

President

News About Sprague Electric Employees in the Service

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Street Rolling to go into the service during December, 1950.

Pvt. Ernest O'Dell
RA 11215903

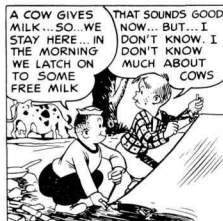
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Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Pvt. O'Dell was employed in F. P. Assembly until he went into the service in January, 1951.

A quick-thinking employee came up with a new alibi when his foreman said, "How come you're sleeping on the job?" "Goodness gracious, can't a man close his eyes for a minute of prayer?"

JIMMY'S JOBS

by
RED CURLING



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Beaver Street

Filter Department

By Ginger

We welcome to our department Maisie Foley, Ida Gianquinto, Effie Colvin, Rhoda Pierce, Grace Sherry, and Claire Shaw. We hope you like working with us.

We are glad to have you back with us, Millie Brouillett, and hope you are feeling much better.

Who is the girl in our department who looks like Clara Bow? Could it be Dot King?

Some class to Henry Labonte and John Davis with their brand-new (second-hand) cars.

I am sorry, Jean Merrow, that I neglected to welcome you, Dot King, and Gladys Griffen to our department. My deepest apologies to all.

Birthday greetings to Millie Letalien and Jim Blair who celebrated their birthdays recently.

I am taking this opportunity to thank all of you people for being so nice to me.

Block Annex

by Della Keating

The department held a party in honor of the birthdays of Marion Scott and Jean Scarpetto. Each were presented with gifts and a good time was had by all.

Best wishes to Jean Scarpetto on her recent engagement. Her diamond is lovely.

It is nice having Dot DeMarco back after her recent illness.

A happy sixth anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. James Driscoll.

Mr. and Mrs. James Scarpetto announced the engagement of their daughter, Jean, to Donald Atwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Atwood. No date has been set for the wedding.

The department extends its sympathy to Phyllis LaPine on the recent death of her aunt, Mrs. Walter Braman.

Bathtub Assembly

by D. Landry

Our list of absentees has been very large lately as we were not slighted by "The Thing" Bug, or whatever you choose to call it. However, most of us have recovered and the lines look quite normal again.

We are all a little envious of Bertha Jennings, who has returned from her vacation in Florida with a gorgeous tan. We are all glad you had such a nice trip, Bertha.

Competition is not stiff enough during working hours so the solderers and testers follow through Thursday evenings at the Central Bowling Alleys.

Ida Gann has a new grandson.

We are glad to hear Josephine Sikorski has recovered from her operation and is at home.

No wonder Norman Wright seems so proud lately. His daughter won a popularity contest, sponsored by the Eastern Star. Besides a miniature loving cup, she won a Cinderella wrist-watch and a glass slipper. Pamela is two years old.

Marge and Flo celebrated their birthday Saturday, March 10, with hat favors, cake, and gifts. Thanks are due to the assemblers.

Kay Andrews, Chris' daughter, won the "Good Citizen" Award from Adams High School which is given by the D. A. R.

Congratulations to Pete Grande on his recent birthday. We are glad to see he did get his new Cadillac.

Welcome to all our new help in the department. We hope you will be as happy here as we are.

Our sympathy to Mrs. Alvina Gifford whose father died recently.

Metal Clad Department

By Barbara Jones

The thank you notice in the last issue of the LOG was from Millie and Chuck Curtis.

Everyone hopes that Doris Monette is feeling much better.

Dot Sprague, who is in the North Adams Hospital, is feeling better, and we hope she will soon be back at work.

Congratulations to Helen Hadala on her birthday.

Miscellaneous Paper Finish

By Velma Lincoln

Birthday greetings to Maud Waska, Frances Gayda, Ann Downey, Josephine Mastalitz, and Frank Major. Frank received a nice gift from the gang and knows by now that good things come in small bottles. Josephine received a new sewing machine.

Ruth Arrighini was out looking for a dog sitter for her new pup.

Velma Lincoln's Boston Terrier had eight puppies. What fun! But they are all gone now.

The new girls in the department are Mable LeSage, Marjorie Verou, Alice Shays, and Mina Estes. Welcome, and we hope you like our department and the gang.

Mary Zito's husband is still in the Albany Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Clara Marceau left our department and is now working in the Metal Clad Department. Our department gave Clara a gift of money. We are sorry to have her leave.

Brown Street

Industrial Oils

by Mary-Ann

A bowling match took place Saturday afternoon between the married and single girls. Shame on the married women; they were beaten.

Bessie York is back to work and feeling fine.

Betty Colman gave a party at her home the other evening. Her house was decorated in green for St. Patrick's Day. Games were enjoyed and a nice buffet lunch was served.

After bowling Tuesday night, we went to Nancy Puppola's house and found Henry and Al Folino, with aprons on, rolling pizza pies. They were delicious. Thank you, Henry and Al.

A triple birthday celebration took place for Hazel LeCuyer, Marg Green, and Mary Cook with three birthday cakes. There were too many candles to count. Many happy returns, girls.

We are glad Isabel Woodrow's mother is home from the hospital.

Mac O'Neil will have a swelled head for winning first prize for bowling mixed doubles. Congratulations, Mac.

Mr. and Mrs. Emilio Marchegiani and their daughter-in-law have returned from Camp Pickett, Virginia where they visited their son, Sgt. First Class Frederic Marchegiani. Frederic is stationed with the Vermont National Guard, 43rd Division. He received his promotion recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pringle attended the wedding of their son, Corporal William Pringle to Barbara Peters at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. The couple were married in the post chapel. The newly-weds are both from North Adams. The mother of the groom, Dot, works in Industrial Oil.

Wire Coating

by Corena Tatro

Our sick list is getting bigger and better. Just about everyone has had a day out because of sickness.

Spring cleaning is getting off to an early start with Paul Sanford and John Kryston doing a little paper hanging.

We would like to welcome Frederic George to our staff. Hope you like us and that your stay will be a long and pleasant one, Fred.

We are sorry to hear little Linda Kassner is ill and in the hospital. Her daddy is Martin Kassner. Hope you are feeling better, Linda.

Helen Burdick again will hear wedding bells as her son, Bill, is to be married to Jane Menard of Adams on April 7.

Resistor Dept.

By Chick and Chuck

Anyone desiring free lessons in the art of falling gracefully, get in touch with Vi Arnold. (Emma take notice.)

A son was born on March 5 at the North Adams Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Shepley. Both parents are employed in the Resistor Department.

Joe Brewer recently spent a day in Springfield and came back with a IA classification for the Army.

Chick Currant was recently in Boston.

Kenneth Gurney has returned to work after spending several days in a Boston hospital.

As we write this column, we find "Red" Czerwinski and Joe Brewer on the sick list with the popular sickness known as "the Bug".

Art Bissailon, Russell Gurney, and Chuck Felix will have to find a different car to get the NEWS at noon, as Vic Gay is expecting a call into the Army soon.

Blanche Frodyna is to be married in the near future to John Szymanski. A shower was held in her honor recently at the Summer Street Hall in Adams.

Art Van Steenburg spent a week-end in Boston recently. Art made the trip with the members of the Sprague Electric Safety Committee.

The first suburn of the season has been reported with Eloise Kaigle as the young lady sporting it. It seems that Eloise did her reading under a sun lamp, but stayed under it too long. Was her face red!

Dorothy Long, wife of Dale Long, who is a member of the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball team, is now working in the Resistor Department.

P.P.A. Round Midget Assembly

By Ceil Shanahan

Jim Boner wears a big smile. No wonder, he has a new Chevrolet Sedan.

Ida Tovani celebrated her birthday recently and was presented with a gift by the girls.

Mary Scherbo is on a month's leave-of-absence. We miss you, Mary.

The boys in our department are hungry for a banana cream pie. Any one wishing to display their culinary arts may do so.

Margaret Malone who is on a month's leave-of-absence is to be back the fifteenth. Don't disappoint us, Margaret.

Teresa Buro has promised us some Irish "Airs" for Saint Patrick's Day.

Arvilla Shand was minus her lipstick the other day. Her dog, Rusty, ate it up.

KVA Department

By Eleanor King

and Frank Santelli

Howard Burdick looks quite dashing with his new moustache. Are you trying to give Errol Flynn competition, Howard?

We welcome Laddie Meranti and Bill Smith to the KVA Department. Hope you will like working with us.

We would like to welcome the new girls in our department: Florence Harrison, Barbara Beaudin, Alice Lunney.

Industrial Oil Rolling

By Erminia Sweeney

The girls in the Rolling Department and also from Vitamin Q can well take a lesson from Ida Pinsonneault's son in bowling. Young Pinsonneault, five years old, threw a bowling ball and made a strike! We certainly resembled our Indian brothers with red faces that time.

Happy Birthday to Ida Manson.

Mary Farnham was made happy on her wedding anniversary by a call from her husband who is in Germany with the Armed Forces.

Marshall Street News

Retail Sales

By Hit N'Run

The Chevrolet seems to be taking over this department. That is every one owns one but me. Not only does everyone have a new car but also television sets. One of those to acquire a TV set recently is Dot Belanger.

Mario Magnani's favorite television saying is, "I love the wide open spaces." Being a hunter, it would be his favorite subject.

A dead ringer for Mindy Carson in this department is Lorraine Van Steenburg.

A fond farewell is sent to Marie Bressette who was transferred to another department.

If someone comes up to you and says, "Are you happy?", it is probably Jack Callahan on his good will tour.

Corinne Gallup and Dorothy Belanger were recently models at the style show that was held at the Masonic Temple. And what lovely models they made, too.

Kathleen Collins doesn't say much, but her smile speaks volumes.

Ceramic Department

By Ida Gigliotti

Your reporter is back on the job after a leave and it certainly feels good to be here with you once again.

Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wilson who have become the parents of a new pin-up girl named Dana.

It was with sadness that we presented Beverly Eastman a farewell gift. Beverly, our department clerk, is leaving us to make her future home in Saratoga. We promise to look you up during the racing season, Beverly.

To those who have received transfers, we say, good-bye, good luck, and hope you're all back with us before long. We shall miss you.

Mr. Wilson has returned rested and happy from his vacation in spite of the fact he received a couple of cracked ribs skiing.

Dry Tubular Assembly

By M. Hauptfleisch

We welcome Toni Bombardier and Maud Sullivan back after their brief stay in the Beaver. Good to see you back, girls.

The gripe has taken hold of half the department. We hope that everyone will be well soon and things will be back to normal again.

Ralph DuBuc is back after a week's vacation which he spent at his home. Wedding bells will soon be ringing for Ralph and Joan.

Rena Koszelchik just became a proud aunt.

Rita Johnson is out on leave. Don't make it too long, Rita, we all miss you. Rita received her driver's license Monday.

We owe an apology to Charlie Sutliff. In a recent issue, we stated that he had a Pontiac. He is the proud owner of an Oldsmobile.

Angie Perreault is back to work after her recent fall in front of the plant. Good to see you back, Angie.

Everything is clean in Marjorie McConnell's house these days. She recently purchased a new Frigidaire automatic washer.

Electric Maintenance Test

By E. B. Ryan

In the face of public apathy toward the Civilian Defense program, it is particularly significant that what may have been a neighbor's personal hobby should suddenly become an integral part of our defense, a bulwark between us and possible disaster. We are proud that this department is well represented in the mobilization for defense under the A.R.R.L. George Remillard, an active member of this group, who recently built and installed in his car a receiver and transmitter set, reports that at a trial test held recently on the Mohawk Trail, he was successful in transmitting and receiving messages from Albany, Troy and Schenectady, N. Y. It is gratifying to know that in these troubled times men like George are giving their talents and time to make life just a bit more secure for the rest of us.

Under the chairmanship of Bill Champagne, a spaghetti dinner was served to the members of Electric Test in the rooms of the Hoosac Valley Athletic Club. Henry Guisti catered. An exhibition boxing match was staged for the entertainment of the department, but what puzzles most of us is what happened to the referee. For further information, contact Johnny Aldrich. We all hope that this may be but the first of many.

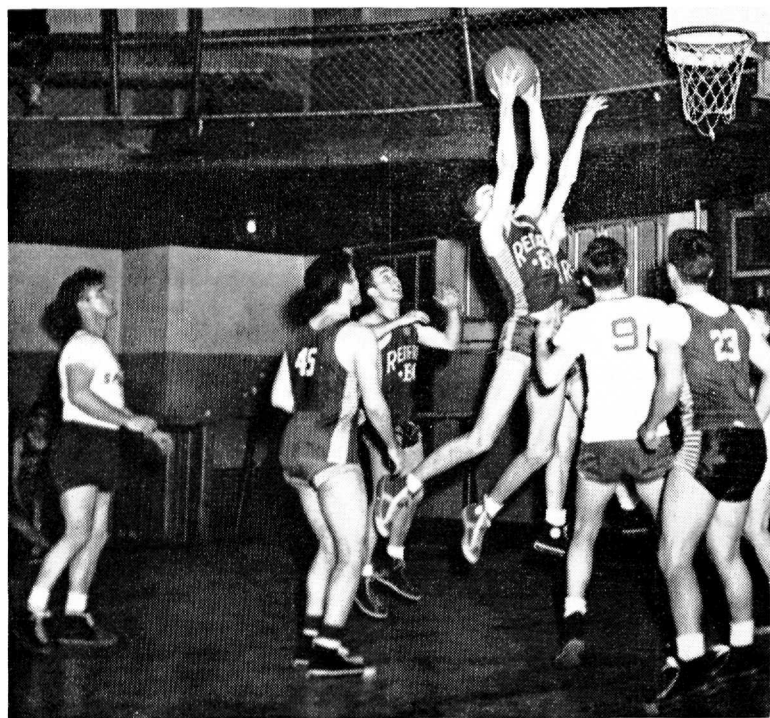
We regret that March 17 did not fall on a working day for 'tis sure that the most wild shamrock would glow with renewed life could it be in close proximity to Norma Martin Lusier, who had threatened to appear wearing green from head to toe... such fervor does Saint Patrick's day arouse for the Emerald Isle in Irish hearts.



A Group From Electric Test Taken At The Spaghetti Dinner Held At The Hoosac Valley Athletic Club.

SPORTS

Kenny Russell



Sprague Royals vs. Renfrew Boys Club

SPORTS NEWS

Spring is just about upon us, and already spring baseball training is well under-way with all Major League teams playing in the Grapefruit circuit.

The weather this winter has been very unkind to all ski enthusiasts and, but for two or three weeks, would have been a complete wash-out.

Fortunately, enough snow fell so that a number of the operators of various skiing areas were able to get partially out of the red (financially, that is), and on these particular weekends, huge crowds thronged to their favorite slopes for a few hours of fun.

Dutch Hill, on one weekend, had all records shattered as 3000 or more dotted the slopes in Heartwellville. Snow in late February or early March gives to the skier both the sport and temperature that is very comfortable.

BASKETBALL:

The basketball season is rapidly drawing to a close and but for various tournaments would be now at an end.

In the amateur circles—the Northern Berkshire Amateur Tourney is now underway with teams from Adams, North Adams, and Williamstown participating.

The Sprague Royals entered this affair and were beaten in the opening round, but only fell in the late stages of the contest.

At this writing, two teams have reached the finals and both are from Adams. They are the Simons Sweet Shoppe and the Renfrew Boys Club.

The St. Anthony Crusaders entered the Shelburne Falls Kiwanis Tourney and fought their way into the finals. The Crusaders gained a lot of fans as the tourney progressed for their style of play was very pleasing to the fans that packed the gym each evening.

However, in the finals with the Turner Falls Aces, the Crusaders went down to defeat, but only in the last minute of play. The score was 61-53.

Ironically enough, it was another local boy who, playing with the Turners Falls five, spelled this heart-breaking loss for the Crusaders.

Prevey racked up 6 points in the last 40 seconds to ice the contest for Turners Falls. All told, Prevey connected 6 times from the floor and 6 more from the free throw line.

SPRAGUE LASSIES:

The Sprague Lassies have won 3 more games, the latest being over the Amherst Acerettes.

Meanwhile, the Pro-Drug Girls from Pittsfield are enroute to Dallas, Texas to take part in the National Girls Basketball Tournament.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL:

The tournaments are now past history and we will not elaborate on any, but will recap briefly and say that Searles, after defeating Tech. in the Western Massachusetts Tourney, was soundly trounced by St. Johns of Worcester. St. Johns went on to win the Western Massachusetts Tourney.

In the Small School-Boy Tourney, both Lee and Williamstown won their opening round matches. Lee won with ease, but the College Towners put on one of the most thrilling come-backs ever seen in the Massachusetts Cage when they roared back from some 15 points to edge out Deerfield. Keeping tossed the winning points with seconds remaining.

In the semi-finals, Lee clearly outplayed Williamstown to reach the finals. The finals were typical of Tourney play and Mary Wells edged out our Southern Berkshire neighbors, 47-45.

However, Berkshire County showed the fans a fine brand of basketball and good sportsmanship.

Adams High lost out in the opening round of the Assumption Tourney held in Worcester to Chicopee. The score was 37-31. Foul shooting by the Mother Town lads was all that saved them from a worse defeat.

However, Chicopee up-held Western Massachusetts prestige by coming through with two more close wins to upset all and cop the Class "A" title. Congratulations to Coach Moge's lads on over-coming all disadvantages to win such outstanding laurels.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE SPORTS:

Basketball:

The "Ephmen" after winning 16 of 21 games dropped their last three games of the season. Two of these were in the New England Tournament held in Medford, home of Tufts.

The big loss was to arch rival Amherst and the loss was suffered on the home surface. After winning 13 in a row in Lasell Gym, the string was snapped by a never-say-die Amherst five who roared back from an 11 point deficit at half time to win late in the fray, and thus tied Williams for Little Three Honors.

The first half of this all-important tussle was all Williams, as they led with ease and seemed apparently on their way to victory and the Little Three Crown. But the "Lord Jeffs", bent on winning, threw up a tight defense and uncorked a varied offensive attack that not only cooled off the Purple but left them some 8 points behind at the end. Big Harry Sheehy

was bottled up effectively and held to a pair of baskets. It was a well-earned Amherst win. Larson played a whale of a game for Williams.

This defeat may have had a lot to do with the poor showing displayed by Coach Al Shaw's boys as they were beaten by Tufts, a team that they swept off the court in a previous encounter. Later in the consolation play against Rhode Island State, they again fell to defeat in a high scoring game that saw Larson toss some 30 points. Again the inability of Harry Sheehy to score was a big factor in both losses.

But all in all, this past season saw Williams rise to contention for New England honors and sport a very good over-all record.

SPRAGUE LASSIES
DEFEAT AMHERST ACERETTES

The North Adams Armory provided the setting for a preliminary game between the Sprague Lassies and the Amherst Acerettes on Sunday afternoon, March 11. The splendid playing by the Lassies gave them a 13-11 lead over the Acerettes at half time and enabled them to defeat the Acerettes by a score of 26-22. This game turned out to be one of the most exciting and closely fought games all season and the Sprague Lassies showed definite improvement over their earlier season play.

The high scoring for the Lassies was pretty evenly divided with Miss Wisnowski tallying 7 points, and Miss Fowler and Miss Meranti each scoring 6 points. Following is a summary of the game:

Sprague Lassies	B.	F.	P.
V. Wisnowski, lf.....	3	1	7
D. D'Arcangelo, rf.....	1	0	2
C. Shaker, rf.....	1	0	2
J. Fowler, c.....	3	0	6
P. Gilmore, c.....	1	0	2
L. Meranti, lg.....	3	0	6
L. Green, lg.....	0	1	1
M. Wittig, rg.....	0	0	0
TOTALS.....	12	2	26

Amherst Acerettes	B.	F.	P.
L. Moakler, rg.....	2	0	4
B. Lawson, rg.....	3	0	6
Bridges, rg.....	3	0	6
M. Britton, lg.....	2	1	5
R. Fitts, lg.....	0	0	0
C. Dickinson, lg.....	0	1	1
C. Linier, c.....	0	0	0
E. Dickinson, c.....	0	0	0
TOTALS.....	10	2	22

SWIMMING

By Pete Mancuso

The Northern Berkshire swimming championship for boys and girls is scheduled at the local "Y" for April 8.

David Trombley of the Resistor Department has walked away with the prizes in the past two years. This year, he is going to have some keen competition. Norman Tatro, whose mother, Blanche, works in the Resistor Department and whose father, Leo, is a guard, is training very hard for a state meet that is being held in Springfield in the near future, and has entered the Northern Berkshire meet. Last year, Norman placed third at the state meet. David did not enter.

SHINING BLADES

By Charles Felix

There is more than the usual amount of interest among the skating fans of Northern Berkshire over the trip to Detroit, Michigan this week of Bobby Dunn, III, thirteen year old juvenile speed skater, to compete for the National Championship in the juvenile division. Bobby was selected by the

Northern New York Skating Association to make the trip to Detroit along with four other skaters from the Association. Dunn has been coming along slowly but has been winning medals in New York State meets pretty regularly. During the past couple of weeks, he picked up four more medals. At Rye, New York, he took first place in the 440 yard dash and third in the 660 yard event, scoring 40 points. At the indoor championships at Lake Placid, Dunn scored two seconds in the $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile and 440 yard events to win runner-up laurels. The meet at Detroit is an indoor affair.

"THE SQUARE RING"

By Peter Mancuso

That match between Bob Satterfield and Rex Layne certainly was a bad break for Satterfield. Bob was leading all the way, and then he stepped into a right hand punch of Rex Layne, which caused a knockout. This is Rex Layne's second upset victory. His fight with "Father Time", Joe Walcott, was the first; he beat Joe to a decision.

Ray Robinson's victory over Jake LaMotta and gaining the middleweight crown left the welterweight championship open. The N. B. A. had Johnny Bratton, rated second, and Charles Fusari, rated fourth, battle it out, with Johnny winning the fight. The winner will be acclaimed the new welterweight champion.

Rex Layne wants to get a crack at Ezzard Charles. Charles will cut him up.

Joe Louis has been rematched to fight Omelio Agaramonte the 28th of March. Joe beat Omelio to a decision at their last meeting.

Harry Mathews and Bob Satterfield should fight it out in the light heavyweight class. This bout would be a sellout.

Lee Savold ought to have a crack at the heavyweight title. Since beating Bruce Woodcock, he has only fought exhibitions. Lee is the only worthwhile challenger in the decision.

According to reports on attendance at the fight arenas, they are all mostly sellouts. This shows that if managers get good boys to fight, the fight fans will pay to see it.

After fighting a ten-rounder, the state Commissioner declared it a "no contest" between Bert Lytell and Billy Smith. Both boys were holding their punches and talking to each other in the clinches.

Joe Louis claims that he is in top condition. His match with Agaramonte should prove it and the results should be interesting.

My guess is that by Doc Williams' introduction on T.V. the other night, he will be shown fighting in the near future.

BASEBALL:

In one more month, the national pastime, baseball, will be in full swing. All clubs are in the midst of serious training and a good many of them are dotted with new faces — yes — many rookies are receiving a golden opportunity to perform in the Majors. We hesitate to forecast, but may do so prior to the opener in mid-April.

Fishing:

Imagine, in another four weeks the Massachusetts trout season will be underway. All you Isaac Waltons will be in your glory popping out various lures to attract the coveted and wily trout. How about some interesting fishing stories?

Swimming:

In the New England swimming meet, the Purple "Ducks" placed third behind Trinity and Brown. Both of these mentioned teams tied for first place and the showing of Trinity was a

surprise and very outstanding. Don Jones was outstanding for Coach Bob Muir's natators.

Squash:

The National Squash Tournament was held at Williams, and Harvard, the Number 1 team in the nation, placed two lads in the finals. Foster of Harvard defeated one of his teammates to annex top honors. Williams was eliminated in the quarter-finals.

Wrestling:

Wrestling honors went to Springfield and Williams was runner-up as two lads representing the "Ephmen" won in the 135 and 147 classes.



SPRAGUE ELECTRIC
GIRLS BOWLING LEAGUE

Team Standings:	Won	Lost
1. Alley Cats.....	63	9
2. Industrial Oils.....	53	19
3. Metal Clad.....	50	22
4. Beaverettes.....	39	33
5. Independents.....	36	36
6. Dry Rolling.....	23	49
7. W. E. Rollers.....	22	50
8. The Sharpies.....	2	70
High Ind. Single—Lucy Gilmore	124	
High Ind. Triple—Hazel Martel	323	
High Team Single—Alley Cats	509	
High Team Triple—Alley Cats	1456	
Low Ind. Single—R. LaVersa	41	
Low Ind. Triple—D. Gendron	171	
Strikes—Mary Dextradour	11	

High Ind. Average on Each Team:

	Av.	Str.
Hazel Martel, Metal Clad.....	93.6	72
Nancy Puppolo, Ind. Oils.....	90.8	69
Dot DePaoli, Alley Cats.....	90.5	72
Clara Shakar, Beaverettes.....	89.2	63
Ann Mason, The Sharpies.....	89.1	60
Irene Anton, W. E. Rollers.....	86.2	66
Mildred Kawa, Dry Rolling.....	84.8	60
Eleanor Perron, Ind.....	84.1	69

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW
YOUR SPORTS

You sport fans might be interested in seeing how many of the following questions you can answer. The answers will appear in the April 6 issue of the LOG.

1. What major league pitcher won more games than any other pitcher in the history of the two leagues? How many games did he win?
2. What position did Joe DiMaggio play when he first broke into professional baseball with the San Francisco Seals?
3. Who won the National Amateur Golf Tournament of the U. S. in 1950 and whom did he defeat?
4. Who was the New York Yankee first baseman preceding Lou Gehrig?
5. Charley Caldwell of Princeton was coach of the year in 1950, who was coach of the year in 1949?

OUR SAFETY CORNER

